

2. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement as currently set forth for the following reasons. To be valid, a restriction requirement must establish both that (1) the "inventions" are either independent or distinct, and (2) that examination of more than one of the "inventions" would constitute a burden to the Examiner. Applicants note that the restriction requirement does not provide sufficient basis to indicate that examination of more than one of the "groups" would overly burden the Examiner. In fact, the Examiner does not state in the Office Action that examination of the two "groups" would be burdensome.

Favorable consideration of claims 1-74 is earnestly solicited.

A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$1,500.00, representing the fee for a large entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) and a Petition to Revive are enclosed. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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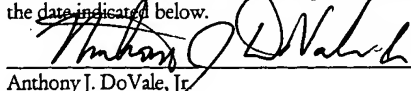
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I hereby certify that this document and any documents referenced herein as being enclosed herein is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to : Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

  
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